

College of New Rochelle

# Femmes d'Esprit

## Honors Program Newsletter

September 1992

HELLO EVERYONE AND WELCOME BACK!!!

I hope you all had a wonderful and refreshing summer break. Over the summer I agreed to take on the role of Special Editor, and have put together September's issue of the Honors Program Newsletter under the guidance of the infamous Dr. Raia.

It has been a rewarding learning experience; however, as mentioned I am only "special" editor. My specific interest in regard to the newsletter is to be layout editor. Thus, I want to encourage any of you with an interest in the editorial position to come forth and take on the challenge! Also, ANYONE who would like to contribute in any way, be sure to feel free to do so. The newsletter is a great way to get involved, and all of us benefit from it. So contact me or Dr. Raia if you are interested, and let's get the ball rolling for '92!!!

I would also like to thank Shannon Lalli and Kimberly Sculco for their help and endless support. Also, thanks to Dr. Raia for giving me this unique opportunity to make a contribution to the Honors Program. It was a great experience!

GOOD LUCK IN THE NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

Susan Marie Paprota  
Special Editor



## **TABLE OF CONTENTS**

Page 1: Letter From Dr. Raia

Pages 2-3: Farewell to the Seniors

Pages 4-5: Letter From An Honors Graduate to the New Honors Freshmen

Pages 6-10: Freshman Orientation:  
Letter From Dana DeVito, Co-chair of the Honors Orientation committee  
Fresh Faces of '96  
Reminiscences of Freshman Honors

Page 13 : Alumnotes

Page 12 ff.: FYI (For Your Information):  
NCHC Events  
Fall '92 Honors Work in Progress  
Opportunities  
Upcoming Events

---

## **STAFF BOX**

SPECIAL EDITOR: SUSAN PAPROTA

TYPING AND LAYOUT: SUSAN PAPROTA

Cover Design: Alan Horowitz  
David Lewis



September 1, 1992

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK --

Welcome to new students! Welcome Back to returning students! Best of Luck to those who have left!

As many of you know, I was on sabbatical this past spring. I thought you might like to know how I spent the time. My main purpose was to renew my scholarship in Latin and Greek and to redesign some courses. For most of the semester, I worked at NYU Library, focusing on two areas: 1. a reading project on The Ancient Family, for which I audited an anthropology course on Kinship and the Family; 2. a research project on the use of clothing terms in the "Satires" of Juvenal, a 1st Century A.D. Roman poet, under the guidance of Larissa Bonfante, a well-published NYU Classics professor (at present I am writing this up for publication). I also submitted an application for a National Endowment of the Humanities Summer Institute for College Professors on "Athenian Democracy," with the result that I spent 6 weeks studying at the University of California in Santa Cruz this summer. In May, my husband and I traveled to Europe, visiting classical and later sites (and friends) in the northeast and Adriatic regions of Italy and in Slovenia and Istria (once Yugoslavia).

While I enjoyed the extended time to read, study, and write, I now look forward to the Fall Semester, both Honors administration and teaching. During much of August I played catch up, reviewing the fine Honors work produced during the Spring and Summer. For that, many people should be thanked, but particularly Dr. McCarthy, the Honors Board, Anna Conte, and our Orientation triad: Danna DeVito, Tami Radabaugh, and Sue Warde. The Program is grateful also to Dean Wesselkamper, Suzanne Patti, and Vera, the faculty secretary, for their special efforts. Finally, this Newsletter owes its genesis and being to Sue Paprota, who, "with a little help from her friends," took on the responsibility of making it happen. Sue has put together a readable issue filled with sound advice, announcements, news, valuable ideas, and lots of good will.

Stop in to visit me SOON so we can catch up on each other's news and share Honors semester plans. Visit the refurbished Honors Center (make a weekly habit of it!) to note your new mailbox location and pick up an Honors Calendar and Membership List (which you will need for your conversations with the Bursar). SENIORS: be on the lookout for the HONORS SENIOR ORIENTATION MEETING to be scheduled shortly!

May this be your BEST semester so far! READ ON!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Anna Conte'. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'A' and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.



## FRESHMEN ORIENTATION

Hi! My name is Dana DeVito. As chair of the Honors Orientation Committee, I'm pleased to welcome you to campus and into the Honors program. My co-chairs are Sue Warde and Tami Radabaugh. It is our goal, through the Sophomore Sister and Orientation programs to help you meet the academic challenges and join the community of the Honors Program.

By introducing you early to the structures of the Program and to friends in your sister class, we hope to help you step comfortably into your role as an Honors Student at the College of New Rochelle.

Your first academic experience in Honors, Western Cult, gathers intense freshmen with diverse interests in the Honors Center, where they debate with, make presentations to, and learn from each other. Trust me, it's fun. After every Western Cult class, there will be something to TALK about.

The Honors Program encourages each student to find out about herself as a learner and to be ALL that she can be. The possibility for an incredible semester is before you -- now YOU must make it happen! I'm rooting for you!

Dana DeVito

## FRESH FACES OF '96

\*\*\*Be on the lookout for these new Freshmen hangin' with their new Sophomore Sisters:



Aileen Apat  
Port Washington, NY  
Mildred Perez '95



Kathleen Bristol  
New Rochelle, NY  
Susan Warde '95



Wen Chen  
P.R. China  
Hanbo Hu '95





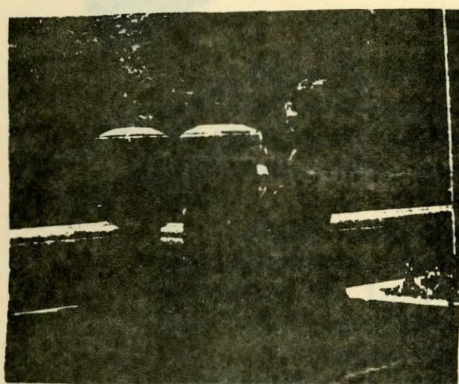
Jennifer Cianciolo  
Wallingford, CT  
Amber Branciforte '95



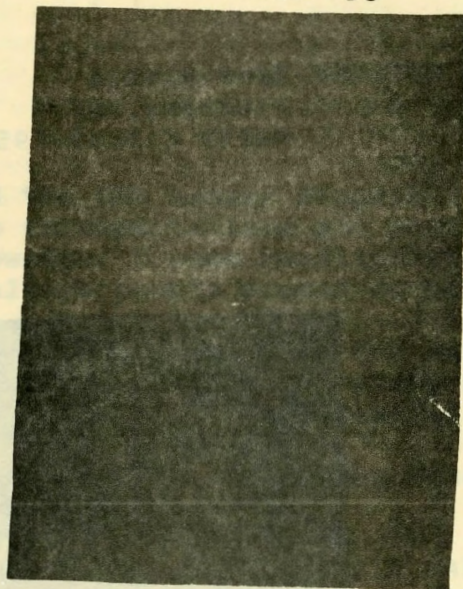
Jeannie Echevarria  
Brooklyn, NY  
Mildred Perez '95



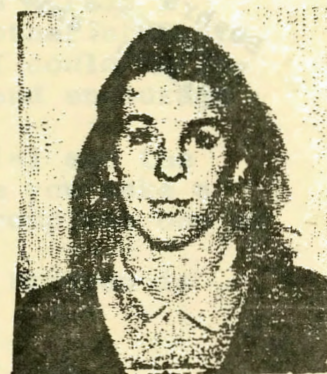
Eleanor Fallon  
Cheshire, MA.  
Dana De Vito '95



Hong Gao  
P.R. China  
Hanbo Hu '95



Elena Fisher  
Farmingdale, NY  
Dana De Vito '95



Larisa Korsic  
Yugoslavia  
Fiona D'Souza '95



Kathryn Ludwig  
Strykersville, NY  
Susan Pizzuti '95



Rachel Mason  
Buchanan, VA  
Stephanie Singleton '95

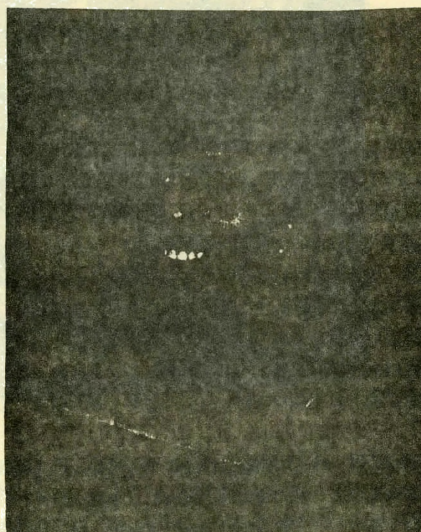


Jeannine Nault  
Shrewsbury, MA  
Kristen Stutzman '95

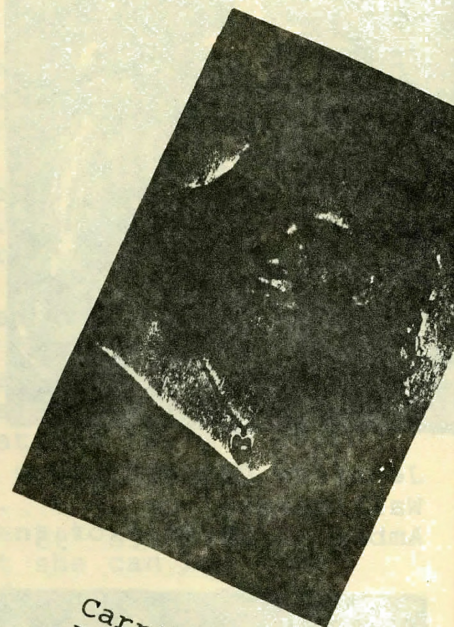




Bushra Rehman  
Parsippany, NJ  
Colleen Fabian '95

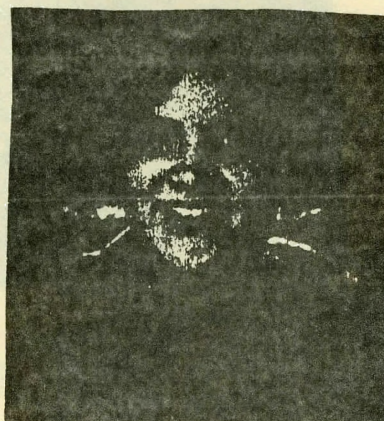


Irma Rivera  
Flushing, NY  
Maria Cabral '95



Carrie Lisa Schwartz  
Brooklyn, NY  
Tami Radabaugh '95

**WELCOME**



Traci-Lei Sein  
Wallingford, CT  
Fiona D'Souza '95

**FRESHMEN!!!**

**CAMARA SHY:**

Stephanie Bell  
Concord, NH  
Jennifer Peters '95

Melissa Bontzolakes  
Bronx, NY  
Susan Pizzuti '95

Katherine Williams  
Newport, VT  
Susan Warde '95

Kerrin Fanelli  
(New Sophomore)



## REMINISCENCES OF FRESHMAN HONORS

Being in the Honors Program at CNR has made it possible for me to meet a variety of students. The Honors Program has a great tradition: SOPHOMORE SISTERS. They help Honors Freshmen with assignments and give friendly support whenever needed.

I was very fortunate in my Sophomore Sister. She was always there for me with comfort and advice, in good times and in bad. She restored my confidence when I felt I couldn't get through an assignment. We have become really close friends, at first because of Honors, but now because we have discovered we are very compatible and enjoy each other's company. Not only have I gained a sister, I gained a valuable friend!

Honors expects a little more from you, but it also gives a lot in return!

KRISTEN STUTZMAN '95

When I entered the CNR Honors Program I was afraid I wouldn't measure up to expectations and to the other students in the Program. However, I soon realized that I could do it, because there are always people around to help and encourage you.

Even though you're challenged by the material and the assignments, you gain self-confidence every time you make a good point in class discussion or successfully complete one of the assignments.

I found that being a member of the Honors Program is definitely a worthwhile experience.

MARIA CABRAL '95

Honors Western Cultural Heritage is different from any class I've ever been in! First of all, there's always something to EAT! Then, we are all seated around a huge table. It is much easier to make comments in class (in other classes I'm pretty quiet) because everyone feels a special bond and respects each other. Through discussion, we all learn from and teach each other because the faculty give us the major responsibility for learning.

Being in the Honors Program has added something special to my life as a college student. I have been given the opportunity to learn more than I thought possible, and to form many special, lasting friendships.

SUSAN PIZZUTI '95



HON 028S CDA SCIENCE AND SOCIETY: DR. TH. VENANZI  
T, TH 2-3:15

Jennifer Bassett	Laura Hudson
Amber Branciforte	Shannon Lalli
Maria Cabral	Susan Pizzuti
Fiona D'Souza	Susan Warde
Danielle Devine	

HON 095V CDA HONORS COLLOQUIUM: DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA  
DRS. D. MCCARTHY & J. SCHLEIFER  
W 2-4:30

Allison Cunningham	Susan Paprota
Allison Davis	Heather Parker
Susan Grady	Karen Parks
Karen Harvey	Tami Radabaugh
Shannon Lalli	Terry-Dawn Thomas
Yokasta Lora	

#### OPPORTUNITIES

##### 1. INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION FULL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Spend 4 weeks abroad studying the language of your choice in one of the sponsored programs in London, England; Dijon, France ; Madrid, Spain.

Criteria for Scholarship: US citizen or permanent resident; between 16 and 22 years old; completed minimum of 2 years High School or 2 semesters College language of choice by January 31, 1993; pass the International Studies Association Language Test with a minimum 700 (out of 800).

\$25 application fee. See Sr. Phyllis Hinchcliffe for further information. Deadline: October 20, 1992.

##### 2. ELIE WIESEL PRIZE IN ETHICS ESSAY CONTEST

Topics: The Meaning of Ethics Today; Can Ethics Be Taught?

What is the Ethical Legacy of the 20th Century?

See Dr. Raia for further information. Deadline: December 1.

##### 3. WASHINGTON CENTER MINORITY LEADERS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Full financial aid. Week-long leadership seminar, internship, academic course. Nomination by sponsoring institution. Application for Spring '93 due October 1; for Summer '93 due December 15; for Fall '93 due March 3.

See Dr. Raia for further information.



#### ALUMNOTES

We take pride in reporting the news we've received:

CRYSTAL RENNER-CARRAFIELLO '92 began work on August 3 in the Corporate Department at Moody's Investors Service, 99 Church Street, NYC 10007, 212-553-4746. Her title is Energy, Technology, and Communications Copy Editor.

STACY BEGIN '91 lived last year in New Rochelle while she worked for State Senator Suzi Oppenheimer. She now lives in Brooklyn and works for NYC Councilwoman Catherine Freed. She also attended the Democratic Convention this summer!

LAURA HILTON '91 finished her MA in history at Fordham University and promptly got a job at the UN with the International Catholic Bureau, which helps refugees.

EILEEN SONGER MCCARTHY '91 gave birth in March to Daniel Jr. In August she began her studies at Columbia Law School.

MEGHAN MASTELLON '90 is in her last year at Villanova Law School. Just engaged, she will be wed in the CNR chapel.

KATHY REILLY '90 is happily in her third year of medical school, at New York Medical College.

TARA AMBERY '89 is a Wall Street executive with Merrill Lynch.

VICTORIA BURNHAM '91 teaches English at New Rochelle High School and heads the Honors Society. Tori coached a team of 6 students, whom she accompanied to Houston for the national competition of the Texaco Star Academic Challenge. Her first-time team did so well in the national that Tori was asked to found and coordinate a NY State competition.

LISA VESPERMAN '89 is in her last year at Loyola Law School in New Orleans

ROBIN ZALESKI '89 has added Almond to her last name as a result of her marriage and will never be at the end of the alphabet in her class again!

MARIA MARSILIO '85 Has just completed her PHD Dissertation on Hesiod's "Works and Days" at the University of Pennsylvania.

EILEEN MOONEY '85 has left St. Anthony's High School on Long Island, where she taught Latin and French, to begin teaching Latin and Greek at Miss Porter's School in Connecticut.

ANNE DONNELLY GREGG '82 lives in Garden City with her husband, Jim, who is a partner in a stock brokerage firm, and her 3 children. After graduation, she worked for Doremus and Co., a public relations firm, then Ruder, Finn and Rotman, where she rose to assistant account executive through the company's internship program. She is running for election to the local school board this year.



HON 028S CDA SCIENCE AND SOCIETY: DR. TH. VENANZI  
T, TH 2-3:15  
Jennifer Bassett Laura Hudson  
Amber Branciforte Shannon Lalli  
Maria Cabral Susan Pizzuti  
Fiona D'Souza Susan Warde  
Danielle Devine

HON 095V CDA HONORS COLLOQUIUM: DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA  
DRS. D. MCCARTHY & J. SCHLEIFER  
W 2-4:30  
Allison Cunningham Susan Paprota  
Allison Davis Heather Parker  
Susan Grady Karen Parks  
Karen Harvey Tami Radabaugh  
Shannon Lalli Terry-Dawn Thomas  
Yokasta Lora

#### OPPORTUNITIES

##### 1. INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION FULL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Spend 4 weeks abroad studying the language of your choice in one of the sponsored programs in London, England; Dijon, France ; Madrid, Spain.

Criteria for Scholarship: US citizen or permanent resident; between 16 and 22 years old; completed minimum of 2 years High School or 2 semesters College language of choice by January 31, 1993; pass the International Studies Association Language Test with a minimum 700 (out of 800).

\$25 application fee. See Sr. Phyllis Hinchcliffe for further information. Deadline: October 20, 1992.

##### 2. ELIE WIESEL PRIZE IN ETHICS ESSAY CONTEST

Topics: The Meaning of Ethics Today; Can Ethics Be Taught?

What is the Ethical Legacy of the 20th Century?

See Dr. Raia for further information. Deadline: December 1.

##### 3. WASHINGTON CENTER MINORITY LEADERS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Full financial aid. Week-long leadership seminar, internship, academic course. Nomination by sponsoring institution. Application for Spring '93 due October 1; for Summer '93 due December 15; for Fall '93 due March 3.

See Dr. Raia for further information.



# ALUMNOTES

We take pride in reporting the news we've received:

CRYSTAL RENNER-CARRAFIELLO '92 began work on August 3 in the Corporate Department at Moody's Investors Service, 99 Church Street, NYC 10007, 212-553-4746. Her title is Energy, Technology, and Communications Copy Editor.

STACY BEGIN '91 lived last year in New Rochelle while she worked for State Senator Suzi Oppenheimer. She now lives in Brooklyn and works for NYC Councilwoman Catherine Freed. She also attended the Democratic Convention this summer!

LAURA HILTON '91 finished her MA in history at Fordham University and promptly got a job at the UN with the International Catholic Bureau, which helps refugees.

EILEEN SONGER MCCARTHY '91 gave birth in March to Daniel Jr. In August she began her studies at Columbia Law School.

MEGHAN MASTELLON '90 is in her last year at Villanova Law School. Just engaged, she will be wed in the CNR chapel.

KATHY REILLY '90 is happily in her third year of medical school, at New York Medical College.

TARA AMBERY '89 is a Wall Street executive with Merrill Lynch.

VICTORIA BURNHAM '91 teaches English at New Rochelle High School and heads the Honors Society. Tori coached a team of 6 students, whom she accompanied to Houston for the national competition of the Texaco Star Academic Challenge. Her first-time team did so well in the national that Tori was asked to found and coordinate a NY State competition.

LISA VESPERMAN '89 is in her last year at Loyola Law School in New Orleans

ROBIN ZALESKI '89 has added Almond to her last name as a result of her marriage and will never be at the end of the alphabet in her class again!

MARIA MARSILIO '85 Has just completed her PHD Dissertation on Hesiod's "Works and Days" at the University of Pennsylvania.

EILEEN MOONEY '85 has left St. Anthony's High School on Long Island, where she taught Latin and French, to begin teaching Latin and Greek at Miss Porter's School in Connecticut.

ANNE DONNELLY GREGG '82 lives in Garden City with her husband, Jim, who is a partner in a stock brokerage firm, and her 3 children. After graduation, she worked for Doremus and Co., a public relations firm, then Ruder, Finn and Rotman, where she rose to assistant account executive through the company's internship program. She is running for election to the local school board this year.



CNR HONORS PROGRAM MEMBERS  
FALL 1992

CLASS OF '93

Michele Accardo  
Allison Cunningham  
Allison Davis  
Laura Hudson  
Jeannie Humphries  
Elka Kancheva  
Christine Kozlowski  
Noreen Mastellon  
Kathleen McGarry  
Heather Parker  
Karen Parks  
Sonia Ramirez  
Elizabeth Shelley  
Terry-Dawn Thomas  
Vanessa Vasquez  
Katrina Williams

CLASS OF '94

Anna Conte  
Danielle Devine  
Kim Giovannelli  
Susan Grady  
Shannon Lalli  
Yokasta Lora  
Wahida Mostafa  
Susan Paprota  
Tiffany Roacher

CLASS OF '95

Diana Andrusco  
Amber Branciforte  
Maria Cabral  
Dana DeVito  
Fiona D'Souza  
Colleen Fabian  
Kerrin Fanelli  
Hanbo Hu  
Jennifer Peters  
Susan Pizzuti  
Tami Radabaugh  
Stephanie Singleton  
Kristen Stutzman  
Susan Warde

CLASS OF '96

Aileen Apat  
Stephanie Bell  
Melissa Bontzolakes  
Kathleen Bristol  
Wen Chen  
Jennifer Cianciolo  
Jeannie Echevarria  
Eleanor Fallon  
Elena Fischer  
Hong Gao  
Larisa Korsic  
Kathryn Ludwig  
Rachel Mason  
Jeannine Nault  
Maryann Picone  
Bushra Rehman  
Irma Rivera  
Traci-Lei Sein  
Carrie Schwartz  
Katherine Williams



